

# 2021 Interim Reports and Studies

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee | May 17, 2021

## Required Reports and Studies

Report	Description	Authority	Deadline
<b>Lands</b>			
<b>PLPCO Activities and Expenditures</b>	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office and the Constitutional Defense Council, are required to report on the office's activities and expenditures.	63J-4-603(1)(i)(ii)	Annual report
<b>R.S. 2477 Plan</b>	The Constitutional Defense Council and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to present an R.S. 2477 plan after providing the plan to the committee at least seven days before the presentation.	63C-4a-403(4)(c)(i)	July 1 each year, if needed.
<b>Utah Wilderness Act</b>	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office coordinator is required to report on any recommendations for future action related to Utah wilderness preservation.	63L-7-109	Nov. 30 each year
<b>Utah Public Land Management Act</b>	Director of the Department of Land Management shall report on a list of programs and specific information relating to public lands that shall be developed by the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee. (enacted in Chapter 317, 2016)	63L-8-312	Oct. 31, annually
<b>Federal Land Disposal Applications</b>	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to present a written and verbal report on: 1) the office's and coordinator's activities under Section 63J-4-608; 2) land applications and potential land applications under federal land disposal law requesting the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease federal lands; 3) decisions of the secretary on land applications submitted by government entities in the state; and 4) the quantity of land acquired under the land applications.	63J-4-608	Aug. 31 each year
<b>Federal Land use within a County</b>	If Legislature not in session, the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office shall deliver an evaluation, including county's report, the proposed congressional land use legislation, an draft of concurrent resolution.	63J-8-106	*Conditional*
<b>Commission on Federalism</b>	The Commission on Federalism is required to report on any action taken by the commission under Section 63C-4a-303 and on any proposed legislation the commission recommends.	63C-4a-303	Nov. 30 each year
<b>Federal Lands Designation</b>	If a governmental entity intends to advocate for a federal designation with the state, they must first notify the chairs of NAE and upon the chairs' request meet to review the proposal.	63L-2-201 63L-2-301	*Conditional*

<b>Energy Producer States' Agreement</b>	Legislators who are appointed to study and work with legislative members from other participating energy producing states are required to produce a report with recommendations regarding an energy producer states' agreement and are required to report on the agreement.	36-12-20	Nov. 30 each year
<b>Energy Advisor</b>	The governor's energy advisor is required to report on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status and development of the state's energy resources,</li> <li>• The energy advisor's activities,</li> <li>• The activities and accomplishments of the Office of Energy Development, and</li> <li>• Recommended energy-related executive or legislative action the energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy.</li> </ul>	63M-4-203	Annual report
<b>Review of Energy Policy</b>	The committee is required to review the state energy policy ( <a href="#">63M-4-301</a> ) and propose changes to the Legislature.	63M-4-302	Annual review
<b>Air Quality</b>			
<b>State Agency Air Quality Best Practices</b>	The State Coordinator of Resource Stewardship (appointed by the Department of Administrative Services) is required to annually report on state agency best practices and stewardship efforts to improve air quality.	63A-1-116	Annual report
<b>Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project</b>	The Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center is required to report on the results of the following air quality research in the Uintah Basin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) developing and improving computer models to simulate ozone formation and determine its cause;</li> <li>(ii) measuring pollutants in the ambient air to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) track how emissions are changing over time; and</li> <li>(B) verify the accuracy of computer models; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iii) characterizing pollutant emissions from various sources.</li> </ul>	53B-18-1401	Nov. 30 each year
<b>Water</b>			
<b>Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force</b>	The Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force (Division of Water Resources) is required to report on its progress relating to its duty to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) identify critical issues facing the state's long-term water supply, particularly in regard to how the state should optimize agricultural water supply and use in light of future population growth, and the future water needs of Utah agriculture;</li> <li>(b) identify current obstacles to, and constraints upon, quantification of agricultural water use, and recommend means, methods, technologies, or other opportunities to improve the quantification of agricultural water use on a basin level; and</li> </ul>	73-10g-203	Nov. 30 each year

	(c) identify means, methods, systems, or technologies with the potential to maintain or increase agricultural production while reducing the agriculture industry's water diversion and consumption.		
<b>Total Maximum Daily Load Review</b>	Water Quality Board is required to submit the total maximum daily load for review, <i>if the total maximum daily load will require a public or private expenditure in excess of \$10,000,000 but less than \$100,000,000</i> . NAE will also review all rules and standards created by the Water Quality Board.  If there are suspensions of a director facility, the director of the Water Quality Board shall report any suspensions to the NAE Interim Committee.	19-5-104.5 19-6-108	*Conditional*/before sending to EPA
<b>Water Forfeiture</b>	The state engineer shall present the rule for a written plan to NAE if the Legislature is not in session.	73-1-4(2)(f)(iii)	*Conditional, no deadline
<b>State Water Policy Review</b>	The NAE Interim Committee shall review state water policy and recommend priority balancing and other changes.	73-1-21	*annually- no deadline
<b>Water Banking Amendments</b>	The Board of Water Resources shall report annually by the November Interim meeting on the implementation of water banks and shall submit a written report (2029) recommending one or more action.	73-31-601	Report: Nov. interim mtg Written Report: Oct. 31, 2029
<b>Claim to Surface/Underground Water</b>	If claimant is the federal government/federal agency, must provide a copy of the claim to NAE members.	73-5-13	*Conditional
<b>Utah Watersheds Council Report</b>	The state council is required to update the NAE Interim Committee “annually or as invited” on the council’s activities.	73-10g-305	*annually, as invited*
<b>Review of Watershed Councils Act</b>	The NAE Interim Committee shall direct a review of the purposes and interests of the councils, whether they are still relevant and being adequately addressed, and if they have served as valuable forums beginning no later than Oct. 1, 2024. NAE shall submit report, recommendations, and any legislation regarding this matter to the Legislature before Jan. 1, 2026.	73-10g-309	Begin: Oct. 1, 2024 End: Sept. 30, 2025
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
<b>Local Food Advisory Council</b>	The Local Food Advisory Council is required to prepare and present an annual report.	4-2-604	Nov. 30 each year

<b>Radioactive Waste Classification</b>	Director of Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control shall notify NAE when making findings to authorize the classification and characteristics of waste on a specific basis.	19-3-103.7	*Conditional*
<b>Contract to Delay a Possible Sage Grouse Listing as an Endangered Species</b>	The contractor is required to provide written, quarterly reports on efforts to delay possible sage grouse listing as an endangered species.	Contract 146311 between DNR and Stag Consulting	Quarterly reports
<b>Utah Dairy Commission</b>	If membership changes and the commission does not immediately replace, they are required to report the changes to NAE.	4-22-103	*Conditional, no deadline
<b>Predator Control Measures Report</b>	Division of Wildlife Resources shall annually give a status report on predator control measures.	23-16-10	*No deadline
<b>Natural Resources Legacy Funding Report</b>	The Dept. of Natural Resources shall annually report to the governor and NAE on any expenditures and grants, appropriations, other contributions (etc.) received and credited to the legacy fund during the preceding fiscal year.	23-31-104	Sept. 1
<b>Radon Gas Study</b>	The Dept. of Natural Resources shall conduct a study and report on ways to increase public education, outreach regarding the risk of radon gas, and ways to mitigate exposure to radon gas.	79-2-405	Status report on or before the November 2021 interim meeting, final report and recommendations by the first interim meeting of 2022
<b>Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan</b>	The Division of Wildlife Resources shall submit the emergency response plan, proposed legislation that may be needed to implement the emergency response plan, and an analysis of the estimated costs.	23-27-501	On or before August 21, 2021

<b>Soil Health Program</b>	The Commissioner of Agriculture shall report annually regarding money received and spent by the Soil Health Program, a description of activities undertaken, and any recommendations for legislative action.	4-18-308	November interim meeting
<b>Rules Governing the Use of Trail Cameras for Hunting</b>	The Wildlife Board shall establish rules governing the use of trail cameras for hunting purposes. The Board is required to report any rules changes.	23-13-8	Conditional
<b>Alternative Energy Development Tax Credit and High Cost Infrastructure Development</b>	The Office of Energy Development shall provide an annual electronic report regarding its success in attracting alternative energy projects and high cost infrastructure projects to the state and any resulting increased state revenues, the amount of tax credits the office has granted, and the economic impact on the state.	79-6-505 79-6-605	Annually, not specified
<b>Bridal Veil Falls Study</b>	The Division of Parks shall submit proposals regarding the designation of Bridal Veil Falls as a state monument or a state park.	H.C.R. 13, 2021 General Session	Fall of 2021
<b>Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements</b>	The Department of Natural Resources shall report on eligible entities' adherence to and implementation of their participation commitment to the cooperative fire protection agreements.	65A-8-203	November 2021 interim meeting

## Sunset Reviews

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| • Section 4-20-103,                      | State Grazing Advisory Board                | July 1, 2022 | SECTION 63I-1-204 |
| • Sections 19-2a-104 and 63J-1-602.2(6), | Trip Reduction Program                      | July 1, 2022 | SECTION 63I-1-219 |
| • Subsection 63J-4-608(1)(a) and (3),    | Federal Land Application Advisory Committee | July 1, 2022 | SECTION 63I-1-263 |